

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Tara ZIOLO, *et al.*  
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Examiner: Jerry L. CUMBERLEDGE  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.